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1. GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS

A meeting between representatives of the Yugoslav VDB and CIA in Yugoslavia has been arranged for 16-19 February 1953. The primary object of the meeting is to explore in concert the views of each Service regarding Albania with the aim of determining the feasibility of a cooperative effort against the Hoxha regime. A broad agenda has been submitted to the Yugoslavs as a basis for this exchange of views. [] SE/CFI, and [] former SE/CFI (who will be proceeding to [] have been designated as the Balkan experts to represent CIA at the meeting. [] reports that in preliminary contacts the VDB has indicated its agreement in principle to assisting CIA operations into Albania.

2. STATION SYNOPSIS

The Albanian project, BOFIELD, is directed [] Project Field Chief. [] BOFIELD P/W director, returned to Washington during the period.

3. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

Current objectives at which our PM and PP activities were aimed during the period continued to be the development of existing underground assets, the expansion of our present limited working relationship with the Yugoslavs vis-a-vis Albania, harassment of the regime by all forms and media of P/W, and improvement of the effectiveness of the political front (National Committee for Free Albania.)

a. Paramilitary

(1) The Guard Company has been informed that they are no longer under the jurisdiction of the SCFA but are responsible to the United States Army. This announcement was precipitated by a disturbance caused by one of the political minority groups in the Company.

(2) King Zog has furnished the names of three team leaders to be used in the spring operations.

(3) Apple team was resupplied on 29 January after four previous attempts had failed.

b. Political-Psychological

(1) A regular broadcast schedule was maintained during January, including the transmissions, initiated on 15 December, every Monday and Thursday at 1730 GMT from a plane. The broadcasts were to be monitored from Brindisi during 28-30 January for signal effectiveness but the results are not yet known.

(2) The SCFA semi-monthly newspaper Shqipëria was printed in Rome on schedule. Fifty-thousand copies of the miniature edition of the paper were printed and sent to Athens for use in air drops over Albania.

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